BTEC Assignment Brief

Qualification	Pearson BTEC International Level 3 Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care (Health Studies)
Unit number and title	**Unit 23: Complementary Therapies for Health and Social Care**
Learning aims	Learning aim A: Investigate the potential benefits of complementary therapies in maintaining health and wellbeing Learning aim B: Examine the provision of complementary therapies in relation to conventional medical treatments Learning aim C: Investigate the factors to be considered when providing complementary therapies alongside conventional medical treatments.
Assignment title	What is complementary therapy?
Assessor	
Issue date	
Hand in deadline	

Vocational Scenario or Context	As part of your coursework for Pearson BTEC International Level 3 Qualification, you have been investing different disorders, and have come across various references to complementary therapies. You initially thought you understood what the term ‘Complementary Therapies’ meant but you are now unsure and have decided to undertake further research on it. You sampled other people's opinions and have gathered different viewpoints on the effectiveness of complementary therapy, so you have decided to explore further to establish their usefulness for yourself.

Task 1	Your first report is a justification of the contribution of complementary therapies in maintaining health and wellbeing for service users with different needs. The report ● must include an assessment of how complementary therapies can maintain health and wellbeing for service users with different needs ● must also include an explanation of the potential benefits of two different complementary therapies for service users with different needs.
Checklist of evidence required	A report on complementary therapies and their benefits.

Criteria covered by this task:	
Criteria reference	To achieve the criteria you must show that you are able to:
A.D1	Justify the contribution of complementary therapies in maintaining health and wellbeing for service users with different needs.
A.M1	Assess how complementary therapies can maintain health and wellbeing for service users with different needs.
A.P1	Explain the potential benefits of two different complementary therapies for service users with different needs.

Task 2	Your second report is an evaluation of the provision of complementary therapies in relation to conventional medical treatments and factors to be considered and an evaluation of the role of complementary therapies in providing a service within the health and social care sector. ● You must include an analysis of the reasons why complementary therapies may be offered in addition to conventional medical treatment, and an explanation of the role of complementary therapies in relation to conventional medicine, referring to two different disorders. ● An explanation of how service users can access complementary therapies, referring to the factors that can affect provision and the importance of regulation in the provision of complementary therapies. ● You must ensure your evaluation and analysis also covers an explanation of the role of professional organisations in supporting the provision of complementary therapies and an assessment of the importance of the factors to be considered when providing complementary therapies.

Checklist of evidence required	A report on the provision and role of complementary therapies.
Criteria covered by this task:	
Criteria reference	To achieve the criteria you must show that you are able to:
BC.D2	Evaluate the provision of complementary therapies in relation to conventional medical treatments and factors to be considered.
BC.D3	Evaluate the role of complementary therapies in providing a service within the health and social care sector.
B.M2	Analyse the reasons why complementary therapies may be offered in addition to conventional medical treatment.
B.P2	Explain how service users can access complementary therapies with reference to factors affecting provision.
B.P3	Explain the role of complementary therapies in relation to conventional medical treatment of two different disorders.
C.M3	Analyse the importance of regulation in the provision of complementary therapies.
C.M4	Assess the importance of different factors when providing complementary therapies in the health and social care sector.
C.P4	Explain the role of professional organisations in supporting the provision of complementary therapies.
C.P5	Explain factors to be considered when providing complementary therapies.

Sources of information to support you with this Assignment	**Websites** https://www.cancer.net/navigating-cancer-care/how-cancer-treated/integrative-medicine/types-complementary-therapies https://therapyguild.info/ https://medcraveonline.com/IJCAM/
Other assessment materials attached to this Assignment Brief	N/A

Note:

In their research for other units, learners will probably have come across complementary therapies, and this unit allows them to investigate the difference between complementary and conventional therapies. They are also quite likely to have heard discussion in their families and communities about different therapies and this unit will give them chance to investigate the reality versus the myths that they may have been exposed to and allow them to make their own minds up.

Task1 is a justification of the potential benefits of complementary medicine. This is from the learner's own research and may include a discussion on the placebo effect depending on the therapies discussed.

Task 2 is an evaluation of the provision of complementary therapies and how they sit in the health and social sector.